

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Grande Cache, Alberta

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MASS TIMES
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WEEKEND MASSES
 Saturday – 7:00 p.m. (Holy Cross)
 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. (Holy Cross)
 Sunday – 12 Noon (Our Lady of the Rockies)
WEEKDAY MASSES
 Thursday – 6:30 p.m. (Holy Cross)
 Friday – 4:00 p.m. (Whispering Pines)
 Friday – 6:30 p.m. (Holy Cross)

CONFESSIONS:
 Saturday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 OR by appointment (Holy Cross)
Grande Cache Parish Website:
holycrossgc.caedm.ca
Archdiocese of Edmonton
Website: www.caedm.ca
Mass Intentions
 TBA

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings
 Job 7.1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23; Mark 1.29-39

Raised to Serve

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see [Genesis 3:17-19](#)). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see [Isaiah 11:12](#); [61:1](#)). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see [Isaiah 42:6](#)), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see [Mark 5:41-42](#)). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see [Mark 14:28](#); [16:7](#)).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see [Ephesians 2:5](#)).

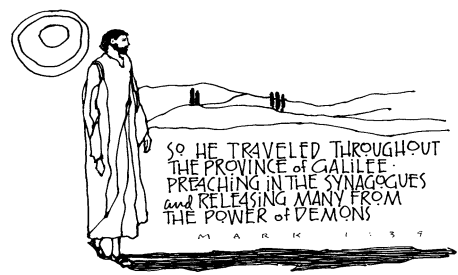
Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see [Hosea 6:1-2](#)).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.




Parish Pastoral Council
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 Father Anthony Narisetty
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 Jane LaBelle
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 Pat Mortensen



We welcome any parishioners who would like to attend the next meeting to get an idea of what the PPC is all about or perhaps to take a place on Parish Council. Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. Meetings should take no longer than 1-1 ½ hours.

Knights of Columbus
 Jim Savory, Grand Knight



Catholic Women's League
 Pat Mortensen, President



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Fr. is available to hear confessions at that time.



Catholic Women's League

Regular meetings on the First Saturday of each month. For more information about the C.W.L., please contact Pat Mortensen, President. Next meeting February 10 at 11 a.m.



Mary's Meals - Sponsored by the CWL - Help to feed children less fortunate. Donation jar is located on the small table in front of the Reader's stand (Ambo).

Your CWL invites you to discover the 52 "Share the Word" words, found on the CWL bulletin board in the hall. Also, check out the foyer bulletin board for up-coming CWL events.

Knights of Columbus

All young men (18 and up) from the Parish are welcome to become Knights. Regular meetings scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month. Next meeting TBA. Contact Jim Savory – Grand Knight, or any member of the KofC.



www.kofc.org [KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)

Bottle Drive - The KofC thank you whole heartedly for your generous donations of bottles and/or juice and milk cartons. You are encouraged to continue dropping off bottles/cartons in the Parish foyer or garage. This continues to be a wonderful fundraiser for the Knights which enables them to continue their charitable works within the Parish and abroad.

Scriptural Rosary - Make the Rosary come alive. Come and join us each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Church.

Sacramental Preparation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist or Confirmation, please leave a message for Margaret with the parish office at 780-827-2422 or email the parish office HolyCross.GrCache@caedm.ca

Gentle Reminder Let's remember that since those who clean the Church, hall and complex are volunteers, we should all do our part to ensure these areas are left as clean and tidy as possible before we leave the building.

Knit n' Natter

Every Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the hall
Please bring any crafts you are working on or just come for the chat and a cup of tea.



Prayer for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Feast of St. Blaise – there will be the blessing of throats at each Mass this weekend.

Saint Blaise
Blessing
of the Throats



Please pray for Father Anthony, for safe travels and good health, while he is away January 8 to February 11.



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

January 27/28, 2024: \$2000.00

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his steadfast love endures for ever!" Psalm 118

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

2023 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected: \$4920.00 (98% of Goal)

Thank you for your generous donations

2024 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected so far: \$520.00 (10% of Goal)

(the TWS envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Together we Serve supports 10 different Catholic organizations and institutions. Please consider how God has blessed you and your family. In gratitude for God's abundance in your life consider reaching out to others through Together We Serve. Let us together, support our charitable partners through Together We Serve.

The 10 different Catholic organizations supported by TWS:

- Catholic Social Services
- Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith
- Evangelization of Nations
- Needs of the Canadian Church
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Newman Theological College
- Pope's Pastoral Works
- St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton
- St. Joseph Seminary
- St. Joseph's College

Donate
now!



So, if you want to donate to the above charities, use the Annual Appeal envelopes. **Please help us meet our goal.**

For more information, please visit [Together We Serve](#)

Weekly Collection – All Cheques **must** be made out to Holy Cross Catholic Church if you want a tax receipt for your donations. If you do not use the numbered envelopes and would like to, please call 827-2422 and leave a message. **Please ensure your Name and P.O. Box Number is PRINTED on the first few contribution envelopes you use.**

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With the virgin mother Mary, we ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.

Called to Protect Training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Monday February 12, 2024, 7 – 9:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers of the Archdiocese who have not yet participated in this training. This will be a zoom session open for all. Please register.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/zjCGpvTbduKRUu4B6>